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1. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH IN LAST FEW DAYS LEAD US
TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BACK
SRIVASTAVA.

2. INDIAN REP TO IMCO CONFIRMS THAT SRIVASTAVA READY,
WILLING AND EAGER BECOME SYG. INDIAN HAS MADE ESTIMATE
OF VOTING PATTERN IN COUNCIL AND RECKONS THAT SRIVASTAVA
AND MENSAH WILL EMERGE AS CONTENDERS FROM FIRST BALLOT
AFTER FAVORITE SONS DISPOSED OF, AND THAT THEY WILL TIE
ON SECOND BALLOT. IF THEIR ANALYSIS CORRECT AND TIE
PERSISTS IN THIRD BALLOT, NEXT IMCO SYG MAY BE CHOSEN
BY LOT.

3. MENSAH TELLS US WORD FROM ACCRA VIA HICOMER IS THAT
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QUARTEY PROBLEM HAD TO DO WITH RIVALRY OVER COMPOSITION GHANA DEL TO COUNCIL MEETING AND WAS NOT EFFORT OF QUARTEY TO SUBSTITUTE HIMSELF FOR MENSAH AS CANDIDATE FOR SYG POST. THIS MAY BE COVER STORY AND IF SO WOULD INDICATE POSSIBLE SUCCESS IN GETTING NRC DECISION REVERSED.

4. PRC EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED FROM IMCO SECRETARIAT ALL DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ELECTION OF SYG, AND EMBASSY REP DISCUSSED ELECTION PROCEDURE WITH DEPUTY SYG. ALTHOUGH NOT COUNCIL MEMBER, PRC COULD PLAY ROLE IN NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY MEETING WHEN APPROVAL OF COUNCIL'S SELECTION UNDER CONSIDERATION. SYG GOAD TELLS US THAT CHINESE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED GOAD CONTINUE IN OFFICE. APPARENT THAT CHINESE DO NOT RELISH PROSPECT OF INDIAN HEADING SECRETARIAT OF ORGANIZATION.

5. ALGERIANS ARE SOURCE OF REPORT THAT SOVIETS INSPIRED SRIVASTAVA CANDIDACY. WORD IS THAT WHEN AVERIN WEIGHED HIS CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN WINNING ELECTION AND DETERMINED HE COULD NOT MAKE IT, MOSCOW PREVAILED UPON NEW DELHI TO PUT UP INDIAN CANDIDATE. SRIVASTAVA APPEARED TO BE A SURE WINNER AND NEW DELHI COMPLIED EVEN THOUGH HE IS SORELY NEEDED TO RUN THE STATE SHIPPING COMPANY.

6. WE ALSO RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT EEC MEMBERS OF COUNCIL MET AT END MARCH TO ATTEMPT AGREE ON SINGLE WESTERN CANDIDATE TO HEAD OFF MENSAH WHO WAS THEN ONLY CANDIDATE FROM LDC IN FIELD. HOWEVER, FRG AND NETHERLANDS INSISTED ON MAINTAINING CANDIDACIES THEIR FAVORITE SONS AND FRENCH ALSO SAID THEY WOULD BE FIELDING DEPUTY SYG QUEGUINER. MEETING BROKE UP WITHOUT AGREEMENT.

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